

EARLY DUELING DAYS.

SENTIMENT IN THE ARMY IN THE LAST CENTURY.

Instances When Officers Shown True Moral Courage by Declining to Go on the Field of Honor and Abide by the Code.

In a letter written to a friend many years ago, General William Henry Harrison, the fifth President of the United States, gave, as follows, his opinion regarding dueling.

"I believe that there were more duels in the northwestern army between the year 1791 and 1795, inclusive, than ever took place in the same length of time, and among so small a body of men as composed the commissioned officers of the army, either in America or any other country, at least in modern times."

"I became an officer in the first mentioned year, at so early an age that it is not wonderful that I implicitly adopted the opinions of the older officers, most of whom were veterans of the revolution, upon this as well as upon other subjects connected with my conduct and duty in the profession I had chosen. I believed, therefore, in common with the larger portion of the officers, that no brave man would decline a challenge nor refrain from giving when he considered that his rights or feelings had been trespassed upon. I must confess, too, that I was not altogether free from the opinion that even honor might be acquired by a well-fought duel."

NOT A TEST OF COURAGE.

"Fortunately, however, before I was engaged in a duel, either as principal or second, which terminated fatally to any one, I became convinced that all my opinions on the subject were founded on error, and none of them more so than that which depicted the situation of the successful duelist as either honorable or desirable. A short experience in the army convinced me that that fighting a duel was not an undoubted test of true courage. I know instances of duels, and desperate duels, being fought by men who would not have been selected by officers who knew them, to lead a forlorn hope. On the contrary, I possessed the most positive testimony to prove that some of the bravest men would not be engaged in an affair of the kind under any circumstances."

"I present you with a reminiscence of my early military life. I introduce it not only to sustain my position, but from the respect and entreaty for the memory of a great brother officer, long since called to receive in another world his reward for having preferred 'the praise of God to the praise of men.'"

LIEUTENANT DRAKE'S DRAVRY.

"In the summer of the year 1793, Lieutenant Drake, of the infantry of the second regiment, and who was marked insult from another officer. As he manifested no disposition to call him to an account, some of those who wished him well, among whom I was one, spoke to him on the subject, expressing our fears that his reputation as an officer would greatly suffer if he permitted such an insult to pass unnoticed. The answer that he gave me was, that he could not what the officers might find of him, he was determined to pursue his own course. That course was so novel in the army, that it lost him, as I supposed, the respect of nearly all the officers. The ensuing summer, however, gave Mr. Drake an opportunity of vindicating most triumphantly, his conduct and principles."

"He had been stationed in a small fort, which had been erected by General Wayne, and had been rendered remarkable by the defeat of General St. Clair's army, three days before. The garrison consisted of a single rifle company and thirty infantry, and of the latter Drake was the immediate commander. In the beginning of July, 1794, a detachment of the army, consisting of several hundred men, under the command of Major McArthur, was attacked early in the morning by upward of three thousand Indians. The troops made a gallant resistance, but being turned on both flanks, and in danger of being surrounded, they retreated to the open ground around the fort."

"From this, they were soon dislodged by the overpowering force of the enemy. In the event, the wounded men were in danger of being left, which fact being observed from the fort, the commanding, Captain Gibson, directed his own lieutenant to take the infantry of Drake's party (the command) and a portion of the rifle men, and rally out to their relief. To this Drake objected, and claimed the right to command his own men, and, as a senior to the other lieutenant, his superior rank, and the fact that he was very well, sir," said the captain; "it is your wish, sir, to do my duty, and I will endeavor to do it, now, and at all times," was the modest answer of Drake. He accordingly rallied out, skillfully interpreted his detachment between the retreating troops and the enemy, opened upon them a hot fire, arrested their advance, and gave an opportunity to the wounded to effect their escape, and to the broken and retreating companies to reform, and again to face the enemy."

A CONSPICUOUS MARK.

"Throughout the whole affair, Drake's activity, skill and extraordinary self-possession were conspicuous. His command, however, of his rifle men, as well as his friends. The numerous shots directed at him, however, like the arrows of Teucer aimed at the heart of Hector, were turned aside by Providential interference, until he had accomplished all that he had been sent to perform. He then received a ball through his body and his assistance, and with his aid he reached the fort, and those two were the last of the retreating party that entered it. Drake made it a point of honor that it should be so. Mr. Drake was rendered unfit for duty for a long time by his wound. He had, in fact, indeed, recovered from it in the summer of 1796, when he was my guest, at Fort Washington (Cincinnati), (where I was in command) on his way, on furlough, to visit his native State, Connecticut. His friends, however, enjoyed his presence but a short time; having, as I understood, taken the yellow fever in passing through Philadelphia, he died in a few days after he reached his home."

ANOTHER CASE OF MORAL COURAGE.

"I have another instance to relate: 'An officer of the army had so often and so unnecessarily wounded the feelings of another of the same corps, the duties of which made their association indispensable, that he considered him self bound to demand satisfaction in the usual way. They met, and the injured man fell, receiving a mortal wound, as it was anticipated he would, from the superior skill of his antagonist in the use of the weapon which they used. Being possessed of a high grade of talent and an amiable character, he had the sympathy of all the officers. With others, I visited him after he had been removed to his quarters. He expressed a desire to see the officer with whom he had fought, and I was present at the interview. I wish I could describe, as

NEW LABOR ORGANIZATION.

Paper-Hangers' Protective Association Formed Last Night.

For some time past there has been a movement on foot to start a Paper-Hangers' Association similar to those formed by the Typographical, Bricklayers and Iron-Workers' unions, and at the same time be original in its movements. Recently a party met at the residence of a paper-hanger and for the first time definite plans were proposed, and a meeting was held at the paper-hangers of the District that such a project was being formed and asking those to meet at a hall on Louisiana avenue. At the appointed hour a large number were present who were heart and soul for the organization. The new organization is not a part of the Knights of Labor. At the same time it is in sympathy with all labor organizations, and its object is to give to the Knights for the great amount of good it has done toward the advancement of labor.

It is thought by some that mistakes have been made in the past, and in attempting to form all branches by one body. The new organization intends to profit by the knights' error and have no paper-hangers in their new departure, and under the name of "Paper-Hangers' Protective and Beneficial Association." At first the work will be confined to the District, but the plans are that it shall be a national affair, embracing every city and town in the United States. The officers are: Mr. F. K. Daw, president; Mr. E. Burns, vice-president; Mr. George S. Warty, treasurer; Mr. Shackelford, financial secretary; Mr. C. A. Stinson, sergeant-at-arms; Mr. W. S. Coggins, recorder; Mr. Louis E. Dennis, chaplain, and Mr. C. S. Withers, doorkeeper.

A DYING MAN'S FORGIVENESS.

"The severe bodily pain which the dying officer had for some time suffered, had ceased, and that calm and ease succeeded which is the unequalled harbinger of approaching death, and which a gracious Providence has provided for the mortally wounded soldier, to enable him to offer a last prayer for his disordered family, if he has one, or for the pardon of his own sins. Turning his intelligent eye upon his late antagonist, he mildly said: 'He had desired to see him for the purpose of assuring him of his sincere forgiveness, and that his happiness in this world—and that, as the means of securing it, he recommended to him, with the sincerity of a dying man, to endeavor to restrain the violence of his passions, the indulgence of which had deprived one of life who had never injured him in thought or deed.'"

THEFT OF AN OVERCOAT.

A middle-aged woman, accompanied by a girl and young man, entered Charles Kaufman's clothing store on Seventh street yesterday afternoon and asked to be shown a suit of clothes for her son. While the young man was looking over the clothes the mother remarked that she wanted a suit of clothes. She did not seem to find what she wanted, and finally went out and looked into the window. In the meantime the clerk was trying to persuade the young man to make a purchase, when, suddenly looking around, the young man observed that his mother and sister had both gone. He said to the clerk: "You don't seem to have what I want." The clerk replied: "When the clerk examined his suit, afterward he discovered that a valuable overcoat was missing. The woman, it appears, while examining the clothes, had slipped the coat under her shawl and gone out. The son waited until she had a good start and then followed her."

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MARRIAGE OF OFFICER STUEMANN.

Officer William Stuemann of the Eighth Precinct was married last evening to Miss Louise Exel of Washington at the bride's residence, corner of Eighth and E streets, by the Rev. Dr. Miller of the Lutheran Church. A reception was held, after which dancing was indulged in. The best man was Mr. Henry Wascman. Among the guests were Hamman Dicker and wife, Fred Wascman, Richard Wascman and wife, George Fowler and wife, Henry Schriber and wife, John Enders and family, August Speckman and wife, Thomas Kaywood and ladies, John Hege, F. Rott, George Cusly, J. N. Fildie, G. N. Nicholson, J. J. Smith, G. L. Foe, J. W. Gessford, Mr. Orah and family, Mr. Leonard and family, Henry Walther and Charles Barmann.

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THE DEATH RECORD AT THE HEALTH OFFICE.

PNEUMONIA and LUNG TROUBLES.

The record of the Health Office for January 31 shows 61 deaths reported. Of these 17 were from PNEUMONIA, 5 from BRONCHITIS, 4 from CONGESTION OF THE LUNGS, 4 from CONSUMPTION. In two cases the grip was given as the cause of death in one "LA GRIPPE PNEUMONIA" was recorded. The figures of the day before showed that over 50 per cent. of the deaths were caused by lung diseases.

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